

## REMARKS

Claims 39, 47 and 53 have been amended. Claims 39-53 are pending in the application.

In the Final Office Action prior to the filing of the RCE, claims 26-38 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 36-61 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/777,531

In the Final Office Action prior to the filing of the RCE, claims 26-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Krum et al.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended claims 39, 47 and 53.

Krum et al. teach a chassis for holding a plurality of hard disk in a matrix arrangement. The chassis includes a RAID controller to provide logical addresses for the plurality of hard disk provided by the hard disk carriers. The chassis is mounted in a rack of a computer system and the RAID controller is coupled to a host computer system through a host bus interface.

However, Krum et al. fail to suggest a housing, a plurality of storage devices and a sub-system controller, wherein the plurality of storage devices are arranged linearly within the housing from a front of the housing to a back of the housing and wherein the sub-system controller is configured to provide a sub-system level RAID configuration to only the plurality of storage devices disposed within the housing.


Accordingly, Krum et al. fail to disclose, teach or suggest the invention as described in the amended claims.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicant, David W. Lynch, at 423-757-0264.

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